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## News UPDATE

### New Fort Gordon deputy commander named

Fort Gordon will get a new deputy commanding general in the near future.

Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo, the chief information officer for Training and Doctrine Command, was selected for the position June 12.

Premo's assignments include deputy director of operations for the Defense Information Systems Agency; deputy director of programs and architecture, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers for the Office of the Secretary of the Army; commander of 22nd Signal Brigade, V Corps, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany and Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia; and Joint Staff action officer, the Joint Staff.

Premo holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia, a masters degree in human relations from Webster University and a masters degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University.

A report date for Premo has yet to be determined.

### School screenings

School screenings will be held at the Primary Care Clinic July 26, and Aug. 2 and 9.

Parents should bring their ID Card, medical records (if not kept at Eisenhower), shot records, eye glasses, medical stamp card and medical power of attorney (if applicable).

To make an appointment or for information, call the Family Practice Clinic at 787-7300.

### SJA hours change

Beginning July 1, walk-ins to see a Legal Assistance attorney will be Tuesdays from 7:30-11 a.m. Appointments to see a Legal Assistance attorney are Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 791-7812/7813 for an appointment.

Notary services are available during normal hours.

### Independence Day

Fort Gordon's Independence Day Celebration is 5 - 11 p.m. **July 3** at Barton Field and Freedom Park. Activities include music by Shiloh, Heavy Dose and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, carnival rides, military displays and more, followed by a fireworks and laser show. Admission is free. Call 791-2859.

## Cuviello bids Gordon farewell

**Denise Allen**  
*Signal staff*

As Lt. Gen. Peter M. Cuiello embarks on a new course in his life, he returned to a place filled with milestones to say farewell to friends and colleagues.

"There are a lot of firsts here," said Cuiello, the Army's chief information officer at the Pentagon.

He was honored at a ceremony Friday at the Signal Towers' flagpole. He will retire

in Washington, D.C., Sept. 1 after 34 years of service.

"My first true military training happened at Fort Gordon. Delta Company 67th (Signal Battalion) was my first command at Fort Gordon. My first daughter was born here. I guess it's fitting that my last command was here," he said.

Cuviello served as chief of Signal from May 1998 through June 2000.

During the ceremony he made remarks on his more than three decades of service.

He said he never planned on joining the Signal Corps and didn't intend to stay in the military for 34 years.

"I failed to make the decision to get out because there was one more opportunity," he said.

While the Army made some of his decisions, Cuiello said he doesn't regret any of them.

Cuviello entered active duty in May 1969 as an officer and was assigned as a platoon leader to the 523rd Signal Battalion, 23rd Infantry Division in

Vietnam.

During his career, he held several command positions and various information positions with the secretary of the Army's office in Washington.

He achieved the top posts in the Signal Corps including chief of Signal and his current position as chief information officer.

He received medals including the Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit.

Although he looked back over his career, he looked forward by challenging the young officers attending the ceremony

"This is the climax for me, but it's the opening act for a lot of you. The difference you make will be through understanding our values, understanding the goals and objectives of the platoons, brigades and Army you belong to. Understand you too can make a difference in every single thing that you do.

"As you walk into more commands, the house you live in has more glass in it. What you say, how you act, how you



Cuviello

take care of people, how you take care of yourselves, that's what's important," he said.

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, current chief of Signal and Fort Gordon commanding general, worked as Fort Gordon's chief of staff from June 1999 to June 2000 under Cuiello.

"We're sad to see you go," said Hicks, who expressed a mix of feelings including gratitude, joy, excitement and happiness at Cuiello's retirement.

Cuviello and his wife, Chris, plan to stay in Washington, where she teaches and the couple has family.

## Gate 5 reopens

**Denise Allen**  
*Signal staff*

After more than three years of construction, Gate 5 officially reopens Saturday.

"People think it's open now," said Pat Buchholz, strategic management officer.

However, during construction the gate has been restricted to vehicles with a post decal only.

After Saturday, even those people who do not have their vehicles registered on post but would like to attend a dinner theater or visit the golf course can enter Fort Gordon using Gate 5, a mission not possible during construction.

Additionally, school buses that once had to use Gate 3 and drive across post to get to Freedom Park Elementary may now enter Gate 5.

The construction project was part of the Georgia Department of Transportation's Fall Line Highway, which will eventually connect Augusta with Macon and Columbus. DOT had to do some work on U.S. Highway 1, which led to changes at the gate.

Gate 5 has undergone massive changes in the past three years. A tank on a tall hillside once greeted Fort Gordon personnel and visitors as they entered Gate 5.

The four-lane bridge leading from Tobacco Road was once only two lanes, and there was once an access to Gordon Terrace from Garcia Drive.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

**The new Gate 5 officially opens Saturday. The gate aims to improve security and relieve traffic congestion onto post.**

Work on Gate 5 moved swiftly in the beginning stages.

In the June 25, 2001, issue of *The Signal*, Buchholz was quoted as saying she thought construction would end earlier than its projected three-year completion date. She said she thought it might open as early as August 2002.

Many people wondered, which would be completed first - Freedom Park Elementary School, which opened for the 2002-2003 school year or the Gate 5 project, she said. "9/11 severely hampered them," said Buchholz.

Work completely stopped for a week, and then it was slowed because personnel working on the road had to have special access.

"There are so many subcontractors on a job like this," she said.

Also, plans on the road itself began to change. To allow people with non-registered vehicles to enter post, an additional lane had to be added to inspect vehicles, as well as other force protection issues to be considered.

Gate 5 will mirror Gate 1. There will be three inbound lanes converging into two lanes. Medians will be added between inbound and outbound traffic.

"It's much safer for the workforce," she said.

Also, additional lighting has been installed.

There are sidewalks near the housing areas with cuts in the sidewalk for handicapped and stroller access.

Roadwork was scheduled to stop at the guardhouse; however, it was extended adjacent to child services center.

Buchholz said there are still a few minor projects to be completed.

"They have to finish (the medians), and they will be doing the traditional punch list. They have not even given it to the construction crew yet. There's some general cleanup," she said.

Work on the vehicle inspection station is also ongoing and anticipated to be completed by the end of September, Buchholz said.

## Former Gordon SJA to preside over terrorism commission

**Steve Brady**  
*Signal editor*

Col. Fred Borch, former Fort Gordon Staff Judge Advocate from 1998-2000, was recently named acting chief prosecutor for future trials of detainees of the war on terrorism.

As chief prosecutor he will be responsible for directing the overall prosecution efforts of the United States in military commissions. His duties include supervising all military commission prosecutors and assistant prosecutors, as well as advising the Department of Defense general counsel on matters relating to military commission prosecution.

"Military commissions have

historically been used to try violations of the law of war," said Air Force Maj. John Smith, military commission judge advocate spokesman. "The current commission order covers the war on terrorism and provides a full and fair trial while still protecting national security."

The trials are expected to begin after the commission receives jurisdiction from the President and Borch drafts charges that he feels appropriate. The draft charges will then be given to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who will decide to approve the charges or not, after which a trial would be held.

"The biggest challenge is that everything we will do-if



Borch

and when the President makes the decision to start the prosecution process-is very much an unknown," Borch said. "We have not used military commis-

sions since World War II and, as a result, many of the issues involved in prosecuting a case are very, very new.

"We are preparing for things as best we can, but when no one has had practical experience in prosecuting terrorists at a military commission, there are simply a lot of unknowns. Of course, that is both challenging, but also very exciting, because it is so new and different."

Although many standard American legal concepts are part of commissions-such as the presumption of innocence, proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, no adverse inference for remaining silent, and a defense counsel at no cost to the Accused-there are differ-

ences with courts-martial.

For example, under the current commission order, only non-U.S. citizens may be prosecuted at a commission and the offenses are derived from international law of war. Another difference is the rules of evidence, though the same as in other international tribunals, allow for the admission of evidence taking into account the battlefield situation.

"It's not appropriate to try and obtain a search warrant for a cave in the midst of a battle, as you might while investigating a common crime in the United States," said the colonel.

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# Army celebrates 228 years

**Denise Allen**  
*Signal staff*

Fort Gordon officials marked a significant day for America June 13.

While it was cause for celebration, marking the 228th Army birthday and 226th birthday of Old Glory, it was also a time to reflect.

“Soldiers are so widely deployed, and soldiers are indeed in harms’ way” in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq, said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, Fort Gordon commander, at a ceremony in Conrad Hall honoring the Army’s birthday and Flag Day, which were celebrated June 14.

The efforts of today’s soldiers “give credence more than ever before to the phrase ‘When we are needed, we are there,’” she said.

The Continental Congress founded the Army June 14, 1775.

“America had an Army before she had the Declaration of Independence,” said Hicks. “America had an Army before she had the stars and stripes.”

Lt. Gen. Peter M. CuvIELLO, the Army’s chief information officer who was at Fort Gordon for a farewell ceremony in honor of his impending retirement, showed his dexterity



Photo by Jimmy Buffington

**(Left to right) Lt. Gen. Peter M. CuvIELLO, the Army’s chief information officer, 2nd Lt. Jae Marquis, the post’s youngest officer, Pvt. Dean Leitu, the post’s youngest enlisted, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Terry, post command sergeant major, cut the cake to celebrate the 228th Army birthday.**

with a sword as he helped cut the large birthday cake.

Also, the 10th Armored Division’s Veterans Association’s Karl Klein presented one of the Army’s brightest and best the Newgarden-Morris Award. Staff

Sgt. Donald Ross Jr., of B Company, 67th Signal Battalion, received the award named after two of the 10th Armored Division’s commanders, Maj. Gen. Paul Newgarden and Lt. Gen. William H. Morris.

It was the second award of the week for Ross, who also received the Albert J. Myer Award at the Signal Ball June 12. Both awards garnered Ross a \$500 savings bond and plaque (*see related story below*).

## 93rd soldier receives top honors

**Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble**  
*Signal military editor*

Expecting the best and giving the best is a phrase which describes this year’s recipient of the Newgarden-Morris award.

Audie Murphy Club member, 93rd Signal Brigade Non-commissioned Officer of the Year; 67th Signal Battalion NCO of the Quarter; 93rd NCO of the Quarter; Commandant’s

List in Primary Leadership Development Course, and Distinguished Honor Graduate and Iron Sergeant in the Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course are all accomplishments for Staff Sgt. Donald Ross Jr., a transmission systems section sergeant with B Company, 67th Signal Battalion. Still on the to-do list for the native Augustan: Become a drill sergeant.

The award is given to an enlisted soldier E-6 and below who epitomizes the essence of the Army. The award honors the first two division commanders of the 10th Armored Division—Maj. Gen. Paul Newgarden and Lt. Gen. William Morris.

“It was an honor and privilege to attend the board given the prestige of it,” said Ross. “I felt happy I won and to really understand the meaning behind the actual board.

“My goal is to be the best soldier I can, and in doing good things this came along. I was afforded the opportunity and took advantage of it.”

His opportunity came when his company first sergeant nominated him for the award.

“He’s a stellar performer,” said 1st Sgt. Janith Parker, B Company, 67th Signal Battalion top NCO. “He’s a sharp soldier who does a super job with any task.

“He’s always hungry for knowledge,” she says of the soft-spoken Ross. “He wants to do things for his soldiers. He is very proactive.”

Ross is responsible for 18 soldiers. He also supervises the soldiers’ use and maintenance of signal equipment.

Though Ross’s career is stellar to date, the Army was not his first choice of a career.

“Initially, joining the military was not my focus. I joined because I wanted to do things on my own. It gave me a chance to serve my country,” said the 25-year-old. “My father was in the military, so, I wasn’t a stranger to the military. I just didn’t choose it first.

“I plan on making it a career and doing the best I can while I’m here and while I’m in,” said Ross. “Whatever path I go down, I know it’s going to be a successful one.”

Ross vies for the title of NETCOM NCO Monday through June 27. The five-day competition, held at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., includes land navigation, weapons qualification, common task testing, a physical fitness test, a mystery task and a formal board.

“I think he’s going to do well,” said Parker. “He has a very good chance of winning.”

Ross, who graduated from Hephzibah High School and attended Paine College, plans to finish his master’s degree in business management, become a drill sergeant and continue “being the best NCO I can.”



Photo by Jimmy Buffington

**Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks (left) and Karl Klein, 10th Armored Division’s Veterans Association (right) present Staff Sgt. Donald Ross Jr., the Newgarden-Morris Award Friday at Conrad Hall.**

## Legion retires hundreds of flags

**Denise Allen**  
*Signal staff*

As a symbol of America’s freedom, the American flag deserves proper respect even after its days of service have ended.

“The flag is a unifying symbol of the United States,” said Mike Strauss, commander of the Jesse C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post 71 in North Augusta, which retired around 500 flags in a special ceremony on June 14 – Flag Day.

Old Glory flies over public buildings, stands as a

symbol of pride outside people’s homes and is draped across the coffins of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Unusable American flags, which had flown over schools, business and individual homes, were ceremoniously carried to Strauss for inspection. After deeming them unserviceable, Strauss gave the go ahead for the first flag to be set ablaze and placed in a metal drum.

Members of the American Legion post saluted the flag as “Taps” played in the

background.

Flags are donated to the organization throughout the year. The Flag Day ceremony is an annual one for the post.

Strauss said the American Legion adopted its flag code in 1923. It was later adopted by the U.S. Congress in 1943.

“Instead of throwing them away or mistreating them, we retire the flag,” he said.

Strauss is careful not to say the flags were burned.

That sounds too much like desecration, he said.

## All-volunteer force marks 30th year

**Casie Vinnall**  
*Special to American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** – For three decades, America’s armed forces have served on a solely volunteer basis. The nation is about to mark the 30th anniversary of the All-Volunteer Force.

On July 1, President Bush will host a re-enlistment ceremony at the White House, recognizing the anniversary. Enlistment ceremonies will also be held at 65 military entrance-processing stations around the country.

Connecting a ceremony at the White House with ceremonies across the country on the same day is a unique way to salute the patriotism of our nation’s volunteer service members and new recruits, according to Pentagon officials.

Up until the All-Volunteer Force was established in 1973, the nation depended upon an involuntary draft system. The draft was used during World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

In the late 1960s, defense officials said, the draft came under intense scrutiny and was viewed with growing dissatisfaction and a sense of inequity by the American public. As a result, Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird established the All-Volunteer Force, which Congress approved in 1973.

“In the draft era, we largely told you what was good for you,” a senior defense official said at a January briefing on the All-Volunteer Force. “Now, we come to you and say, ‘Which

of these training opportunities would entice you to join and stay with us?’”

After the switch, the all-volunteer military served in conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Panama, Bosnia and Kosovo. Today, volunteer troops serve in operations Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraqi Freedom.

Yet, the controversy has remained, with a recent push to return to the draft system. The official said there is no need to reinstate the draft. Conscription arose out of “economic” and “historical reasons,” he said, and today, the military leaders do not want to return to this system.

“They do not want to go back to a system where the people in the ranks are people who don’t want to be there, who are there for short periods of time, which are not really focused on the job,” he said. “Everyone likes being a part of a winning organization, and that’s what’s been created.”

According to the military’s top-ranking officer, the All-Volunteer Force has been a success.

The service chiefs and the Joint Chiefs of Staff “feel the All-Volunteer Force is working extremely well,” Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a January briefing. “It’s efficient, it’s effective. It’s given the United States of America, the citizens of this great country, a military that is second to none.”

(*Vinnall is an intern working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.*)

## President nominates retired general as CSA

**Angela Yeoh**  
*Army News Service*

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush has nominated retired Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker to be the U.S. Army’s new chief of staff, following last week’s retirement of former Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

Schoomaker spent three years as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., before retiring in 2000. He would be the first retired four-star officer ever to be called back to serve as the U.S. Army chief of staff.

In fact, Schoomaker is the first retired general to be called back to active duty with the Joint Chiefs since President John F. Kennedy recalled Gen. Maxwell Taylor in 1962 to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Taylor had served a four-year term as Army chief of staff from 1955-1959, and retired in 1959 before being summoned by the president to return in 1962 as chairman.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld announced today that the president had nominated Schoomaker as Army chief of staff. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John M. Keane has served as acting chief of staff since Shinseki’s retirement June 11 and will continue in that position until the Senate confirms Schoomaker.

Schoomaker received a bachelor’s degree in Education Administration from the University of Wyoming and an MA in Management from Central Michigan University. He was appointed as a second lieutenant in June 1969 and went to the Armor Officer Basic Course.

He served as a reconnaissance platoon leader from January 1970 through April 1971 at Fort Campbell, Ky. He then served as a rifle com-

pany commander in Germany through June 1972, and also commanded a troop of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from April 1973 through June 1974.

Schoomaker next spent 14 months in Korea, where he served as an assistant inspector general for the 2nd Infantry Division and then as a battalion operations officer.

In February 1978, he assumed command of the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Then in August of 1981, he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

From October 1983 until February 1984, he was in Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the DoD Commission investigating a terrorist incident there after a vehicle loaded with explosives ran a road block, killing U.S. Marines in their barracks.

Schoomaker attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., from August 1988 to June 1989. Then he commanded the Combat Applications Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. He next served as the assistant division commander, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, from July 1992 to July 1993.

Schoomaker then served as deputy director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization for the Army at the Pentagon through July 1994.

He commanded the Joint Special Operations Command, United States Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, through August of 1996. Then he became commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg until October 1997.

In November 1997, he became the commander in chief of the joint United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, where he served until retiring.

## Borch

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“The commissions evidence rules do a good job of taking the unique battlefield situation into account.”

His time as SJA helped prepare him for his new position.

“When you are the SJA, you must look beyond the law and really see the ‘big picture’ in deciding on the

right course of action.

Borch said he believes anyone going on trial will be treated fairly.

“I believe that the military commission process is fair and just—I believe that what has been created will guarantee a fair trial to all those who are prosecuted at a military commission. Now my job as the chief prosecutor is to make sure that any legal decisions support that fair and just process,” he said.



# Old O-Club reopened

## Courtyard will now serve troops, families

**Denise Allen**  
*Signal staff*

Designed to improve the quality of life for soldiers, the Courtyard officially opened on June 13.

"We really have a wonderful garrison command that works for our soldiers," said Brig. Gen. Jan A. Hicks, Fort Gordon's commanding general and Chief of Signal, at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Courtyard is open weekdays for the Fort Gordon community and the general public for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Saturdays, however, are reserved for trainees only.

It features an all-you-can-

eat buffet, a grill and a salad bar, according to Jim Green, director of community activities with Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

In addition, the Courtyard will be a hub of activities with its arcade, pool tables, swimming pool, rock climbing wall and karaoke. The Courtyard will also feature special events including movie nights.

Paintball will be relocated to a wooded area behind the Courtyard. Green said pieces of fuselage and hopefully old armored pieces will be brought in to give paintball players a chance to act out different scenarios in their games.

"We hope to have go-karts by the end of the summer," he said.

The Courtyard is the former Officers Club, which closed in 1999.

In past years, it has had several uses including a language training center for the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade.

It has been "reclaimed and renovated so the troops, families and community could use it," said Hicks.

Renovations on the facility began in December 2002. About \$600,000 went toward the renovations.

"We took away some ugly and replaced it with a little pretty," said Hicks.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

**Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, Fort Gordon commander, and Eric Hamilton, Fort Gordon maintenance service division, cut the ribbon to the Courtyard Friday.**

## 212 ways to be a Soldier

### A day in the life of... a 79R (recruiter)

**Spc. Ryan Matson**  
*Staff writer*

*(This is the 32nd MOS featured in a series describing all 212 Army careers.)*

As Sgt. 1st Class Grason Abbott, the station commander for the North Augusta Recruiting Station, Augusta Company, explained, the job of a recruiter is like no other in the Army.

"It's one of the most different jobs you'll find in the Army," Abbott said. "For instance, at Fort Gordon, you wake up, go to PT, you need to be at work in the morning, you know you'll usually take lunch at a certain time and go home in a certain time frame. In recruiting, we might be out at three in the morning taking someone to the Military Entrance Processing Station, taking someone to a hotel who's processing, or doing something on Sundays. Our days are always different, you never have two of the same. It keeps things interesting."

Besides maintaining a constantly changing schedule, Abbott pointed out a recruiter will often have a wide area of responsibility in which to perform his/her job, which also makes it unique to many MOSs in the Army.

"Our company is here in Augusta, Ga.," Abbott said. "Our battalion is in Columbia, S.C., and our brigade is in Atlanta. As far as our higher echelon, and our units, they can be spread out all over the place."

Abbott said another difference between the recruiting MOS and most others in the Army is that all recruiters are noncommissioned officers, whereas in many other MOSs, junior enlisted soldiers often actively work in the MOS.

The basic job of a recruiter, Abbott said, is to "supply the Army with qualified men and women to fill their ranks." To do this, Abbott said a recruiter must be a bit of a salesman.

Instead of selling a product, Abbott said a recruiter sells the



Photos by Spc. Ryan Matson

**Sgt. 1st Class Grason Abbott, station commander, North Augusta Recruiting Station, Augusta Company, points to snapshots of some of the soldiers he has recently recruited. Filled with unpredictable hours and the task of selling the Army to prospective recruits, Abbott said the MOS of a 79R (recruiter) is like no other in the Army.**

benefits of the Army and its related programs. So far, in the nearly five years he has been a recruiter, Abbott's sales pitch has worked on about 80 people who he has signed up to join the Army.

Making a strong sales pitch for the Army is one of the things Abbott said recruiters learn at recruiting school, a nine-week course taught at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"It's basically a sales school," Abbott said. "You learn about buying motives and body language and signals. You learn about prospecting, or seeking out potential recruits. You also learn an awful lot about the Army programs. Most people don't know all the different programs there are."

Being a good salesman requires time and travel, Abbott said. He said a recruiter must go to where crowds of people can be found.

"Our average day starts about eight in the morning, and is over about eight at night," he said. "Throughout the day, we're making phone calls, trying to find people that way, out on the streets talking to people and handing out business cards."

"We go to high schools, colleges, anywhere that people might be. You want to talk to as many people in a day as you can, because the more people you talk to, the more chances

you have of finding someone. It's an ongoing process."

There are two basic ways in which recruiters are selected, Abbott said. The first of these, he said, is when an NCO submits a packet to be a recruiter, and is selected based on that packet. The second form of selection is Department of the Army selection, where the Army reviews an NCO's qualifications and selects that individual to be a recruiter based on the needs of the Army.

Recruiters are selected for three-year terms, but retain their MOSs unless they want to continue on as a recruiter, Abbott said. He said he was DA selected but soon found the recruiting MOS a natural fit. His original MOS was 19D (cavalry scout), but he switched to the 79R MOS after his first three year tour as a recruiter.

Abbott added that when a noncommissioned officer changes their MOS to that of a 79R, they are often acting in the capacity as a recruiting station commander. The commander is responsible for managing the daily operation of the recruiting team at the station, Abbott said.

He said the commander will coordinate recruiting visits their team of recruiters will go on, and arrange other appointments and operations at the station and

in the recruiter's area of responsibility.

Since the recruiting station Abbott works at in North Augusta is a smaller office and consists of only himself and another recruiter, Abbott is also actively involved in the recruiting process, in addition to his duties as a station manager.

Abbott said a good recruiter usually possesses several key qualities.

"They need to know about the Army and the programs the Army offers," he said.

"They also need to be very outgoing, very talkative. The shy and bashful types often don't do as well at recruiting. They also need to be willing to work long hours and be self-motivated, because in recruiting you don't have a platoon sergeant standing over you telling you what to do, you need to formulate a plan and do it."

Like any other job, Abbott admitted recruiting has its own challenges. One challenge he said he faces is finding someone who can meet the Army's standards.

"The biggest challenge, I would say, is finding someone who is qualified," Abbott said.

"The qualifications for going into the military are extremely high, from passing the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test to passing the physical. There are height and

weight standards, and standards saying a person must have a good legal record. Finding someone who's qualified and wants to come into the military can be challenging, because there are so many options out there for people."

Like every other unit in the Army, Abbott said recruiting units have a set mission. He said the missions are set on a monthly basis and say how many recruits a recruiter should find, and by what category, such as a certain number of high school and college graduates.

To accomplish these missions, Abbott said recruiters use different tools such as laptop computers to locate prospects, and the telephone to call them.

Once a soldier has been successfully recruited, Abbott said recruiters often keep tabs on the soldiers they have recruited, through the enlistment process and beyond. He said he probably stays in contact with 50 percent of the people he recruits.

"A lot of times we'll give them letters and stamps with our name and address on the envelope so when the soldier gets to basic training they can write us back and let us know what they're doing and how they're doing," Abbott said.

"A lot of them we'll also see come back on hometown recruiting after they get done with basic and advanced individual training."

The hometown recruiting program, Abbott said, is a program where soldiers who have

completed basic training and AIT can return to their hometown recruiting station and help their recruiters find new recruits without using leave.

When his time in the Army draws to a close, Abbott said there are a variety of options open in the civilian world.

"Just about anything in sales is open, because that's what recruiting is woven around," Abbott said.

"Also, there are jobs in human resources and personnel, because you're always dealing with people and their careers."

With 19 years of military service under his belt, Abbott will soon be getting ready to make the transition into civilian life himself.

"More than likely around 20 or 21 years, I'll retire and go out into the corporate world," he said.

Abbott said seeing a young person change their life for the better and learn the fundamentals for future success by enlisting in the military is a rewarding part of his job.

"The fulfillment of my job is taking 'Johnny on the street' who's got nothing going on, no money for college, no job or car, living in a shack, and putting that person in the Army and knowing that this guy or girl is going to be OK," Abbott said.

"They're going to go in the Army, they're going to get a skill, they're going to get college money and they're going to be getting paid. So the reward is helping people. That's the most fulfilling part of the job."



**Abbott poses beside perhaps the most famous recruiting sign of them all, the Uncle Sam "I Want You" poster.**



# Ambush in the Woods



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Master Sgt. Timothy Demaria, HHC, 93rd Signal Bde., S-4 maintenance lane NCO, informs Staff Sgt. Kenneth Bloom that he was ‘killed’ in the exercise.

Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

93rd Signal Brigade

Staff sergeants Kenneth Bloom and Walter Carter solemnly briefed their group about the mission they were faced with.

Their teams had to recover a disabled vehicle deep in the woods. More importantly though, their S-2 told them that a small band of irregular combatants had been harassing soldiers from all of the known avenues of approach.

“At night, they have been placing mines and obstacles on the trails that coalition forces have been using,” Bloom, 252nd Signal Company motor sergeant, told his team.

“Harassment” entailed deadly small arms fire, rifle propelled grenades and chemical weapons.

The scenario was part of the 252nd and 235th Signal Company, 56th Signal Battalion Maintenance Team Certification Lane, held June 4. Approximately 20 soldiers from the maintenance team participated.

“This is the maintenance team certification lane, but the ultimate objective is to train our soldiers,” said Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Becker, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 93rd Signal Brigade, S-4 electronics maintenance chief.

The S-4 section has been developing the training for about two years as a means of getting maintenance teams and their leaders more practice in the combat aspects of their jobs.

“We have now focused this training on the fifth Mission Essential Task List—Protect the Force, and the two Army Training Evaluation Program standards—Defend the Convoy and Respond to a Chemical Attack,” said Becker.

Each team received an operations order brief after a safety briefing. Then, teams drove down the heavily-wooded lane, single file.

During the first scenario, land mines were placed on the road. If the lead vehicle spotted the mines, then the soldiers were supposed to



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

After inspecting an obstacle for traps, a wrecker barrels over it on the way to the disabled vehicle.

mark the mines and radio the mines’ locations to higher headquarters.

If the team missed the mines, Staff Sgt. Verdel Taylor, HHC, 93rd Signal Brigade motor sergeant would lob an artillery simulator in the area and “kill” some of the teams’ vehicles. That forced the teams to halt to treat and evacuate wounded soldiers.

“After the first explosion, soldiers need to start pulling their perimeter guard,” said Taylor. “Leaders need to get on the ground and start assessing the situation and getting that information to their soldiers and their higher command.”

Bloom’s vehicle, in the lead, missed the land mines, but he heard another vehicle explode behind him.

“This training is all about defensive positioning and quick, on-the-spot decision making,” said Becker.

Bloom, thinking artillery was falling, gunned his vehicle and almost ran into an obstacle blocking the road—the second scenario. Bloom’s driver swerved around it.

The obstacle was also rigged with explosives and chemical grenades.

An explosion left Bloom temporarily blinded so Carter had to assume the mission.

After notifying his commander, destroying unrecoverable vehicles and evacuating injured personnel, he led his team on foot toward the objective.

Once the disabled vehicle was identified, Carter had his team deploy in a perimeter.

Three mechanics, previously designated as the recovery team, methodically began troubleshooting the disabled vehicle.

During their efforts, an attack came from the treeline as several terrorists hiding in the woods assaulted the team with a flurry of small arms fire, and chemical and fragmentary grenades.

“Teams need to clearly establish their perimeter security first before troubleshooting the vehicle,” said Staff Sgt. Rodrick McCant, 556th Maintenance Company, 93rd Signal Bde., and opposition force commander.

“Mechanics are able to do their military occupational specialty all year round because we are in the motor pools working on vehicles,” Becker said. “But this type of training gets them thinking about what risks are they going to take to accomplish this mission.”

The training had maintenance soldiers focus on medical tasks, react to ambushes, perform field security, assess and bypass obstacles and report incidents to higher headquarters.

“This has been some really good training,” said Bloom.

“These have been really good scenarios, and we got a lot out of them,” said Carter.

“This lane training gets better and better, because we are building on it,” said Becker. “Next time though, it’s going to be a lot harder.”

## Brigade offers returning troops

# Deployment Cycle Support

Spc. Leslie Pearson

513th MI Brigade photojournalist

While in Kuwait, Sgt. 1st Class Marty Smith, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor, read about a program called the Deployment Cycle Support, a program geared toward helping soldiers deal with the personal and emotional issues of redeployment. After learning of the program, the brigade command sergeant major sent Smith to make sure the program was being implemented in the brigade.

The DCS is an Army wide program designed to help soldiers and Department of the Army civilians make a transition from a combat environment to the home life, said Smith. On average, most soldiers from the 513th have been deployed anywhere from four to eight months, and although they are anxious to take some time off, they’ll first participate in a series of mandatory medical screenings, classes, dis-

cussions and assessments to help them reunite with their families and readjust to their normal routines. Help for spouses is available through Fort Gordon’s Family Support Services and Chaplain’s Services.

A major aspect of DCS, which includes other existing Army programs, focuses on the emotional well-being of the returning soldiers. This is coordinated through the Department of Mental Health at Eisenhower Army Medical Center. Soldiers who don’t feel comfortable enough to come forward with their personal concerns in a group setting can call the Behavioral Health Clinic at 787-8134 or e-mail [EAMCMHSupport@seamedd.army.mil](mailto:EAMCMHSupport@seamedd.army.mil).

“One thing the mental health team wanted to emphasize to the soldiers in our brigade who have high level security clearances, is that seeking help will not jeopardize their career or their clearance. Sometimes the military is portrayed as this macho environment where those who seek help are ostracized, and we want to destigmatize that stereotype,” said Smith.

Not getting help when needed can be tragic and even deadly. Hopefully by making the programs mandatory, the Army can avoid unfortunate incidences like the ones that happened at Fort Bragg, N.C., when soldiers returning from Afghanistan were unable to make a healthy transition back into their family life and became violent, killing their spouses.

“They tried to determine if those soldiers were just dropped back into the community and left to their own devices or if help was made available. What they found was that although the soldiers knew about the different agencies, there was a real trepidation because they and their spouses felt that seeking help or going to the agencies might have hurt their career or their security clearance,” said Smith.

The 513th Chaplain’s Office has set up a series of reunion briefings to help soldiers who encounter difficulties when they return.

“The reunion briefings are necessary because there are usually a lot of changes in the lives of both the soldiers and their family members during their time of separation. The goal is to help them look at their expectations and be able to communicate those expectations with their family members,” said Chap. (Maj.) Ronald Owens, acting 513th MI Brigade chaplain.

Reunion briefings will continue every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the 202nd MI Battalion conference room until all soldiers return. While spouse participation is voluntary, it is highly recommended since the services provide an open forum to talk about anxieties or voice concerns.

Among other briefings and classes, soldiers are provided with suicide intervention training to help them recognize the warning signs of fellow soldiers or family members who may be suicidal. Married soldiers are also required to participate in a marriage enrichment assessment.

Additionally, the installation Family Life Center has a program the second Friday of each month that covers communication skills, conflict resolution and relationship enhancement skills. The next one is scheduled for July 1 from noon to 5 p.m.

“The bottom line of what the Army hopes to achieve is to assist Army personnel as they return to their communities, reunite with their families, and re-establish the readiness of the force,” said Smith.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

Upon redeployment, soldiers immediately begin the Deployment Cycle Support process.



Photo by Spc. Leslie Pearson

## We’re back

The 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion uncases its colors Saturday at the 513th MI Brigade motor pool. Approximately 80 soldiers from the battalion recently returned from Kuwait after a nine-month deployment.



# Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

## Shinseki leaves legacy of irreversible momentum

Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** - You cannot consider Gen. Eric K. Shinseki's tenure as the 34th chief of staff of the Army without thinking about two subjects that reflect his passions: soldiers and Transformation.

Shinseki retired from the Army June 11 after a career that spanned the globe and 38 years of service in peace and war.

When the chief started taking me on the occasional trip to visit troops, he told me that my purpose was tell the soldiers' story — not his. I told him what he had to say to those soldiers during those visits was an important part of the story, but I would find a balance between the two.

For the most part, I have been able to live up to that agreement, and I have tried for that balance here as what Shinseki has accomplished as chief is tied directly to the welfare of soldiers and their ability to remain the world's greatest warfighters.

Shortly after becoming chief, Shinseki turned the Army on its ear with the announcement that one of his top priorities was to create an Interim Brigade Combat Team capable of deploying anywhere in the world within 96 hours. His vision of units equipped with vehicles lighter than Bradleys and Abrams M-1 Tanks would serve as a bridge for the Army's future Objective Force while providing the Army a more lethal, mobile and survivable force than the light forces which initially held the line in Saudi Arabia against Iraq during the Gulf War.

Lacking only its Mobile Gun System and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance variants, the first Stryker Brigade Combat Team is a reality today. It finished certification testing in late May and could be ready for deployment as early as late summer, according to officials. The second Stryker Brigade has already started receiving its vehicles and is scheduled to undergo certification testing next May.

Speaking to soldiers, Shinseki said that Transformation isn't just about shiny new equipment — it's also about changing systems and processes.

In the case of the Stryker brigade, Transformation was about taking an acquisition system that traditionally



Photo by Spc. Bill Putnam

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee pins an Army Distinguished Service Medal onto retiring Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki during his retirement ceremony June 11 at Fort Myer, Va., as the chief's wife Patty Shinseki stands at his side.

takes a decade or more to develop and test major Army combat systems before fielding them and changing the processes to cut that time to less than four years from concept to fielding.

In the personnel field, Shinseki chartered an Army Developmental System XXI study and four separate panels that examined in-depth the training leadership and development expectations and opinions of Army civilians and the NCO, Warrent Officer and Officer Corps.

Recommendations from those studies have resulted in a number of initiatives:

A training holiday prior to three-day holiday weekends to lessen the effects of OPTEMPO and allow soldiers to balance the needs of work with that of families.

A one-year stabilization at the current duty station for soldiers with family members attending their senior year at high school.

An updated NCO career development guide keyed to each military occupational specialty vice the generic guide it replaced.

Masking all lieutenant officer evaluation reports upon making captain to allow new officers to learn and survive in what had become a

zero-defects environment.

Recognizing that the quarterly Unit Manning Report created during the Cold War often contained 60-day-old information by the time it reached the Pentagon and did not reflect all that is needed to make a readiness evaluation, he charged a group of War College officers to come up with a better way of doing business. The kicker was the requirement that it didn't add another report to a commander's overflowing inbox.

The group recommended a Web-based collection system where real-time changes could be made as they occurred and relied mostly on reports that were already being collected. Department of the Army staff and major commands began using the Strategic Readiness System last summer.

War College officers were also charged with determining what Well-Being means and to develop a measurement system that ties dollars to each Well-Being element. That work was completed more than a year ago with Well-Being being measured as part of SRS.

The Army G-1 initiated Well-Being labs at a number of Army installations to test new Well-Being con-

cepts where the rubber meets the road last summer. A consolidated report from the labs recommending what should be implemented Armywide is expected this summer.

Tied to Well-Being, Shinseki initiated an annual Army Education Summit consisting of Army education specialists and educators from civilian communities near Army posts. The first summit three years ago resulted in more than a dozen county boards of education signing an agreement easing graduation, athletic and grade transfer policies for students moving among the signatories. Known as the Secondary Education Transition Study, more and more boards of education are signing every year.

Another education initiative from the chief has recently bore fruit. The Army began encouraging state legislative bodies last winter to allow soldiers and family members to have in-state college tuition eligibility in their state of legal residence, the state where the soldier is assigned, and continuity of both once established. Georgia signed on to the initiative in May.

The chief has engaged private industry on a number of issues to help soldiers, including:

An annual Investment in America forum between senior Army leaders and top corporate executives to share best business practices.

A general-officer speaker program that brought in "influential thought leaders" from industry and academia to arm generals with the knowledge they needed to manage change.

A mobile working spouse forum to encourage industry to hire spouses of soldiers in jobs where they can telecommute or stay with the business as Army families move from post to post.

Considering that about half of Shinseki's tenure was after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the chief's accomplishments for soldiers and the Army are remarkable.

While the chief has done a lot, he was only half of a very effective command team. His wife, Patty, hosted the annual Army Education Summit and separate Army Family Action Plan, while making time to visit dozens of family readiness groups. She also hosted a Spouse Orientation Process Action Team of active, Reserve and National Guard spouses that developed a more efficient means of communicating Army resources available to family members.

As a young man, I learned that a good citizen always leaves a place better than he found it. The Shinsekis are great citizens by that definition as they leave the Army a much better place than when they joined it in 1965.

## Feedback

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

### How will you spend your summer?



With my family.

**Sgt. Chris Tyler**  
201st Military Intelligence Battalion



I'm going to Germany, so, I guess I will spend my summer there, but I'm going home first.

**Pvt. Tamarah Walton**  
B Co., 369th Signal Battalion



I'm going to spend time with my family and visit Tybee Island Beach.

**Chief Warrant Officer 3**  
**Daniel Adkins**  
202nd MI Battalion



Visiting my family.

**Spc. Elizabeth McDaniel**  
D Co., 202nd MI Battalion



Here in training. I will try to spend time at the recreational facilities here on post with my wife and children if training permits.

**Pfc. James Mackay**  
C Co., 551st Signal Battalion



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# What is to prevent me

Chaplain (Lt. Col.)  
Thom Davies  
93rd Signal Brigade

“Preacher, what is a eunuch?” The question seems simple enough.

However, it was asked by a highly educated 41-year-old woman. She taught high school English literature and she loved Shakespeare.

It was the summer of 1996. The Olympic torch had passed through town a couple of months prior. The Freedom Park bomber had not struck yet. And we were in the Plains United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School.

The questioner was Kim Carter Fuller, Billy Carter’s daughter, and I had 15 pairs of female eyes looking at me, inquiring. I did a soft-shoe about emasculated keepers of the king’s harem. But then again, who was the Ethiopian Eunuch and what was his story?

Tradition does not tell us anything about the treasurer in the court of Candace of Ethiopia. The only place we hear him mentioned is Acts 8. But this is not an isolated incident. Philip has gone down to Samaria to preach and evangelize the “half breed heathens,” and then with

*How often do we look upon the external, exterior things of people and don’t see the true person, the God-worshipper, who only wishes to “worship in spirit and in truth?”*

so much success that he is forced to call for reinforcements.

We all remember that during the Assyrian Exile the descendants of Ephriam and Manasseh, whose bloodlines became mixed with their invader, were seen by some as impure infidels, little better than Gentiles. Peter and John come down from Jerusalem, and laying on hands, the believers were indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Up until this point only Jews had been converted to Christianity. Now non-Jews were being saved.

Philip now finds himself transported by the Lord’s angel out to a deserted road, and coming down that road was this high court official. Philip is compelled to run after the carriage and, in so doing, hears

the Ethiopian reading aloud the prophet Isaiah. Philip asks if he understands what he is reading and is told, “No, how can I, without someone to help me?”

Philip joins the eunuch in the carriage and explains the prophecy of the suffering servant in Isaiah 53. After their discussion, the Ethiopian asks, “What is to prevent me from being baptized?”

The answer is not as simple as some may think. Over time the “church” would get used to the idea of non-Jews joining their ranks. How would the “faith” be diluted and perverted by these foreigners?

When Jesus was sitting next to the well of Jacob and conversed with the Samaritan woman, the question was asked where “true God-worshippers

should worship? Whether on Mount Gerizim or in Jerusalem?”

Jesus replies in “spirit and in truth.” Jesus in the parable of the “Good Samaritan” says that the true neighbor to the injured Jew was the Samaritan merchant. So, therefore, the Samaritan is brother/neighbor to the lawyer that asked the question.

The Ethiopian was a pilgrim to Jerusalem. He had worshipped in the Temple among the Gentiles. He could have been a proselyte, but was not. It has nothing to do with his race or color, but rather with his mutilated sexuality. Yet Philip indeed baptizes him and welcomes him into the fellowship of believers.

How often do we look upon the external, exterior things of people and don’t see the true person, the God-worshipper, who only wishes to “worship in spirit and in truth?” Let us instead look to the internal, the heart, the soul, the faith of our fellow pilgrims in the faith. John Wesley is quoted as saying, “if your heart is as my heart, let us walk hand in hand as brothers and worship together.” Amen.

## Area organizations award scholarships

### *FEW elects new officers, presents scholarship*

The Garden City Chapter of Federally Employed Women at Fort Gordon held an Installation of Officers Ceremony June 11 at the Gordon Club. Mary Jones, Equal Opportunity Program manager, installed the new officers. Serving for the next two years are: president - Judith Creer; vice president - Rachel Combs; vice president for membership - Rosemary Marshall; V.P. for programs - Jeanne Stewart; recording secretary - Carol Sylvester; corresponding secretary - Sonja Simon; treasurer - Shirley Johnson; and assistant treasurer - Donna Sullivan.

Congratulations to Maurice Simon, son of Sonja and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Simon. Maurice was the winner of the chapter’s \$500 scholarship.

Judith Creer was presented with the chapter’s 2003 Ruth Award.

The next meeting of FEW is 11:30 a.m. July 16 in the Gordon Room of the Gordon Club. The meetings are open to the public.

### *EWC gives scholarships to high school scholars*

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives’ Club recently awarded scholarships to the following area high school students: Maurice A. Simon, Academy of Richmond County; Domonik Rawls, Crosscreek High School; Camille C.Kyte, Brandon Boyd and Lawrence D. Robertson, Davidson Fine Arts Magnet High School.

The Enlisted Wives’ Club supports numerous other activities during the year including the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Blair House Nursing Home, Fort Gordon Fisher House, Regimental Signal Ball, Fort Gordon Child Care Center, Georgia War Veterans Home, Christmas House, the Chaplain Fund and many others.

The club is a non-profit volunteer organization that supports Fort Gordon, and Richmond and Columbia counties. All revenue is generated from bake sales at the fall and spring flea markets, gift-wrapping at the main Post Exchange and donations.

To make a donation to the Enlisted Wives’ Club contact Rosemary Marshall at 791-2675.

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## While I’m waiting...

### *Hope grows stronger making deployment bearable*

A few weeks ago I talked about hope. Hope is a strong emotion that has traversed human existence. It is an emotion that is carrying me through this difficult time. It is hope I secretly have held on to from the beginning of this deployment, because everyone says a deployment is not forever.

I know hope will carry me through this deployment, because it is hope that keeps me going everyday.

The rumors are still out there, and I just have stopped listening.

The battalion has told us it will be a while before the unit will be able to come home. That weighs heavily on my mind.

I do not like that answer. I sincerely hope that it will change, and yet, there is a resolved state of knowing that keeps me plugging along. But I keep hoping, and it just keeps coming back to my hope.

We think of hope, usually linked with faith and charity. Hope bonds us together in so many ways. Before this deployment there were things I would hope for.

This Army life we have married into creates a great belief in hope. You move into a new place and you hope you make friends. You hope your children figure out how they

will fit in this new place. You hope the new job your spouse has will be one that works out to have normal hours and commanders that think about family time.

You hope that you find housing that will work in your situation, be it on post or off. If you are a spouse who works, you hope you find a job, similar to one you have previously held, so you do not have to backtrack on your career progression. More than likely, you take a job, and hope for something better. You hope for the basic, simple things that make life easier.

Bigger hopes come along. I hoped that my children would be born safely and without any missing parts. It has proven mostly to be true, though judging by their actions I am not sure all their brain is there. But that is another story.

Most of all these days, I have hope my spouse will come home. I have faith in him, and faith that he will come back. I wake up each morning with hope foremost in my brain. I hope that I hear from him either by e-mail or snail mail. It is so sad to log on to the web and see that there is no mail, that lonely zero on the AKO

web page. But when there is e-mail, my faith is renewed.

Most of all I do love the snail mail letters cause I can read them over and over without staring at the computer screen. I have a stack of the letters on my nightstand, so they are the last things I read before I go to sleep, thinking of him. I love to see his handwriting, it is so neat, and so him.

I can hear his voice when I read the letters, it is comforting. Sometimes the letters create hope, because he talks about wanting to come home, and he hopes we will be together again as a family soon. It fills me with hope too, because 15 days ago when he had a moment to write, he was fine, although he may not have bathed, or eaten well, or slept, but he was able to tell us between the lines of his letter that he was okay.

So the hope I have has a stronger drive than when this deployment started. I am not sure, maybe my hope grows everyday, and because everyday is one more day I have gotten through this deployment. So my hope and faith for a return date is there.

In my mind, hope turns the nondate the unit gave me into a matter of time before he comes back. And though time seems to march on its own schedule these days, my hope grows stronger, ...while I am waiting.



## Army’s ‘first lady’ receives White Plume award

by Harriet Rice  
ArmyLINK News

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Patty Shinseki, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki who retired June 11, received the Army’s highest award for service to Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

She received the Order of the White Plume at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center May 30.

“Today we recognize the contributions of a lady who is clearly one of the staunchest support-

ers, not only of this organization, but also of our MWR programs,” said Peter Isaacs, USACFSC chief operating officer, as he prepared to present the White Plume.

Isaacs said he remembers his first association with the Shinsekis when he was on active duty and in the same 1978 class of students as then Maj. Shinseki at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Even then, said Isaacs, “It was clear that the Shinseki command team was going to go a long, long way.”

In 1999, Shinseki became the 34th chief of staff of the Army.

“In the ensuing years, in addition to being a devoted mother of two, Patty gave unstintingly of her time and talents,” Isaacs continued. “Her 38 years of dedication and commitment will be long remembered.”

Isaacs described the criteria for earning the White Plume: “It’s simple. All you have to do is make a significant and lasting contribution to the morale and welfare of soldiers and families,” he said. “The back of the medal is engraved with the words ‘for service to the troops.’”

Addressing the Hawaii-born former teacher, he said, “As a military spouse, volunteer and vocal influencer, you provided leadership, vision and support to so many programs including Army Community Service, the Army Family Action Plan, and Army Family Team Building.”

The award also recognized Mrs. Shinseki as an advocate for Army children and youth. She served as an advisor to the 1999-2000 Secondary Education Transition Study and was committed to serving as the voice of Army teens through the Army Teen Panel, a vehicle for youth to communicate with Army senior leadership.

In addition to the White Plume, she also received individual awards from the directors of USACFSC’s Family Programs and Child and Youth Services as well as from members of the current Army Teen Panel.

Emotional, but always poised and elegant, the petite awardee spoke to the more than 100 employees who gathered to pay tribute to her. Thanking them for the honors, she told the audience how her Army spouse career got off to a rocky start when, in the early 1960s, as a young mother taking her toddlers to a substandard child care center, she and another spouse decided to take their concerns to the commanding general, suggesting that “maybe he could do something to help the young families and young children that were at the child care center.”

“The next day I heard about

it at home. I was told, ‘that is not something you take to the CG,’” she reported as the audience reacted with knowing laughter.

“Over the years,” she continued, “I learned to use the chain of command and the chain of concern. And now that my husband is the chief of staff, it seems somewhat ironic that we have given voice to our young family members, and it’s wonderful that they feel enabled to bring issues to the commanding general or the chief of staff through the AFAP process with no hesitation or fear of reprisal. I think we have come a long, long way in the Army since the early ‘60s.”

She also recounted how, during the 1980s, while stationed in Germany as a battalion commander’s spouse, she saw there was no organized family support mechanism. “So we, of course, got together and did it.” What she and other spouses undertook eventually developed into institutionalized family readiness programs under the Army Community Service umbrella.

“These programs enable our young families to better manage during contingencies or just to manage life in the Army, because it can be daunting,” Shinseki said. “All these awards I accept on behalf of all the family members who will follow, and who will continue this effort. I will always be an Army spouse and proud of it.”

(Editor’s note: Rice is the CFSC Public Affairs Officer.)



Patty Shinseki, wife of the Army’s retiring chief of staff, receives roses following presentation of the “White Plume” award for her MWR service to soldiers.

# Community Events

## Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents A... *my name is Alice* **July 11, 12, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26.** Dinner is at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Call 793-8552 for information, reservations and ticket pricing, or go to [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com).

## Federal Systems recruits at ACAP

Federal Network Systems will conduct interviews at the Fort Gordon Army Career and Alumni Program facility (33800 Rice Rd.) **Friday.** They currently have openings for a Network Analyst and Network Controller. They are hiring for several locations including Arlington, Va., Hawaii, Germany, and Bahrain.

Call Juva Alexander at 791-7356 for information concerning job requirements and interview times.

## Contracting office closed

The Directorate of Contracting will be closed from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. **June 25** for a retirement luncheon. If emergency contracting support is needed during this time, contact the Installation Operations Center at 7919751, for the DOC pager number for on-call support.

## Property book closed

The Training Support Center Property Book Office will be closed **July 7-11** for training. Areas affected include hand receipt updates, document processing and property turn-ins. The PBO will re-open with normal hours **July 14.** New hours for the Training Support Center property book office and device loan and issue section are 6 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. These hours will be effective until Sept. 8.

## Diabetes support group meeting

There is a Healthy Living With Diabetes Support Group meeting at 6 p.m. **June 30** in Darling Hall, Room 229. The topic is The New Precision Xtra, replacing the Precision G glucometer now in use at Eisenhower. The speaker is Samee Ellerbee, pharmacist. For information, contact Martha Larry at 787-8469 or Maj. Tonya Dickerson at 787-1126.

## Change of command

The 56th Signal Battalion is

having a change of command at 9 a.m. **June 24** at Barton Field. Lt. Col. Robert Rhodes will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Olen Kelley. For more information, call 791-6606 or 791-9310.

## ROTC opportunities

The 9th Brigade, 108th Division, has officer and noncommissioned officer opportunities available in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia including Atlanta, Augusta and Columbus, and Puerto Rico.

Duty normally requires four hours per week when classes are in session. Other duties include recruiting, administration, operations and logistics. Field training exercises are conducted during the year, which require some weekend duty. Contact [james.franks@se.usar.army.mil](mailto:james.franks@se.usar.army.mil) for information.

## Ashanti concert

U.S. Army Entertainment and Fort Gordon Morale Welfare and Recreation present Ashanti, with special guest Mr. Cheeks, in concert at Barton Field **Friday.** Gates open at 7 p.m., while the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate. Go to [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com) or call 791-6779 for information.

## ATNM conference

The semiannual Army Tactical Networks Modernization Conference for tactical Signal unit commanders is **Aug. 11 - 15.** Preregistration begins Sunday through Aug. 1. A primary focus will be the top five critical systems as designated and approved by the recent Signal Council of Colonels. Relevant vendors will also have displays. Go to [www.signalcorps.org](http://www.signalcorps.org) for information and registration.

## ArtScape Camp

The Greater Augusta Arts Council is producing an eight-week Art Camp this summer for children living in Fort Gordon housing communities. They are partnering with the Housing Authority and Richmond County Recreation and Parks to produce a camp offering exposure to music, dance drama and visual arts.

Last summer, some campers learned how to play the violin in two weeks.

Russel Joel Brown will be teaching choral music.

Volunteers are needed to come to camp and assist in

the classrooms.

Volunteer for a week or two or more. Volunteers may work one day a week for eight weeks, but the camp would prefer not to have to change out each day. With 100 campers the program really wants each teacher to have a 'helper' in the room.

Volunteers are needed through **Aug. 1** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ursula Collins School. The camp will be closed the 4th of July week (June 30-July 4) and July 21 - Aug. 1. The camp will be at May Park-Walton Way at 4th Street. For more information, call Brenda Durant at 826-4702 or e-mail: [Brenda@augustaarts.com](mailto:Brenda@augustaarts.com).

## SMA scholarships

The Sergeants Major Association of Fort Gordon is offering scholarships for the graduating class of 2003. Applicant must be a legal dependent of an active, reserve, retired, or deceased military person living in the CSRA. Applications may be obtained from any command sergeant major or sergeant major. The application deadline is **June 24.**

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Alfred Simmons at 791-7985.

## Mosquito spraying

Pest Control will be fogging **weekdays** for mosquitoes as needed prior to 7:30 a.m. from now through October. The regular scheduled days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Days may be added as needed for mosquito control. For more information, call 791-4206.

## Lake activities

Fort Gordon recreation area and Strom Thurmond Lake offers lodging, campsites, pavilion, picnic area, boat/RV storage, camping equipment and more.

For more information on the recreation area or reserving part of the area visit [www.fortgordon.com](http://www.fortgordon.com) or call 541-1057.

## Golf classes

Gordon Lakes Golf Course offers junior golf classes for children 9 - 15.

Kids will learn the rules and etiquette of the game and follow-up with a four-hole tournament on the last day.

The first classes are **Tuesday, Thursday** from 9 - 11 a.m. The second class is **July 15, 17, 22 and 24** from 9 - 11 a.m.

For more information, call 791-2433.

## Signal band performs

The U.S. Army Signal Corps Band performs at 7 p.m. **Monday** in Aiken at Hopeland Gardens on Whiskey Road. The concert is part of the Hopeland Summer Concert Series, is free and open to the public. Call 791-3113 for information.

## Youth services

Youth services offers summer fun camps Monday-Friday through **Aug. 13.**

Fees are based on combined family income and are due at registration.

For more information, call 791-6500 or 7575.

## Retirement celebration

There will be a retirement celebration for Sgt. Maj. Elizabeth Howard, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, at **11 a.m. today** in the Gordon Club ballroom. Call 791-7454 for information.

## Swim lessons

The American Red Cross offers swimming lessons at the Ring Hall pool for children ages six months to 18 years. Lessons are open to active duty, Department of Army civilians and family members. Cost is \$50 per student. Call 791-3034.

## Volunteers needed

The next Dental Assistant Program course begins in October. Candidates must be a currently registered Red Cross volunteer with 100 hours or more of volunteer service. The first step in becoming a Red Cross volunteer is to attend Red Cross Orientation. The next orientation is **July 1, 9-11 a.m.** Call 787-6311 to register.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble

## Pumpin' iron

**Petty Officer 1st Class Johnny Franklin, Navy Detachment, gets in some early morning exercise at Gym #3. The gym is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Gym #3, Building 25510, is located on Brainard Avenue.**

## Newcomer orientation

The newcomer orientation is held Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. in Room 367, Darling Hall.

## Girl Scout cookies available

Active duty military or family members may pick up boxes Monday through Friday 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. in Building 28320 on Lane Avenue while supplies last.

Call 791-6779 for information.

## PIE meetings set

Parent Information Exchange meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month in the ACS conference room from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A different agency is highlighted from the community to share information with parents about various medical conditions and educational issues.

Questions or concerns about the Fort Gordon EFMP should be directed to 791-4872/3579.

## Employment workshop

A weekly workshop, "Tools of Employment," is held Tuesday mornings to assist in resume writing, job searching, and interviewing techniques. It is strongly recommended that this two-hour workshop is attended before the job search begins.

The program manager is available for individual appointments or walk-ins and can provide individual assistance by appointment or walk-in. In the ACS lobby,

job books are available containing recent recruitment actions notices of local businesses.

## Family fun day

The Augusta Museum of History's July Family Fun Day will be **July 13** at 2 p.m. Visitors will learn about cotton, the canal and mill life through hands-on activities and period re-enactors. Each participant receives a free pass to the Augusta Canal Interpretive Center.

Museum admission is free.

The museum is located at 560 Reynolds St. in Augusta. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Free admission is offered on Sundays.

Call 722-8454 for more information or visit [www.augustamuseum.org](http://www.augustamuseum.org).

## 447th Signal Battalion change of command

Lt. Col. Christopher Robertson relinquishes command of the 447th Signal Battalion to Lt. Col. Michael Allen in a ceremony **July 2** from 7:30-9:30 a.m., at the Barton Field reviewing stand.

Reception will be held at the Religious Education Center Bldg. 39709.

In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be at Gym 5.

For information call 791-6420.

## Vehicle registration closed

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **June 27** for a retirement luncheon.

# At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m.

Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free.

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

**June 20-22**

**Friday - It Runs in the Family (PG-13)**


**Saturday -X2: X-Men United (PG-13)**

**Saturday late show - Identity (R)**

**Sunday - The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG)**

*Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon's movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.*

# Fort Gordon Report



## COMING UP

**The newest edition of the "Fort Gordon Report" premieres Monday and includes the following stories:**

- Fort Gordon bids farewell to former Chief of Signal Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO
- Rec Center Grand Opening
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

**The "Fort Gordon Report" and "Army Newswatch" alternate weeks on Charter Cable Channel 13 on:**

**Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

The newest edition of "Army Newswatch" will premiere June 30.

**Catch the newest "Fort Gordon Report" on Comcast Cable Channel 66 on: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.**

**The "Fort Gordon Report" is the Signal Center's official television news program and is produced on post by the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office and the Training Support Center.**



# Sports & Leisure

## Sports UPDATE

### Ten-Milers wanted

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Denmark is looking for the fastest runners on post.

Denmark will lead a 10-person squad from Fort Gordon to the Army Ten-Miler held **Oct. 5** in Washington, D.C.

Try-outs for the team are **Saturday**. The top 10 finishers will comprise the team.

For more information, contact Denmark at 791-1238 or e-mail [denmarkr@gordon.army.mil](mailto:denmarkr@gordon.army.mil).

### SCRA golf tournament

The Signal Corps Regimental Association will sponsor a golf tournament **today** at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course starting at 7:30 a.m.

The four-person scramble tournament is open to all SCRA members, soldiers, retirees and family members in the Fort Gordon area. The cost is \$40 per person and includes green fees, cart, lunch and two free mulligans per player.

For more information, call 791-2564.

### Ladies golf schedule

**Thursdays** are ladies golf days at Gordon Lakes Golf Course. Tee time is 8 a.m.

For more information, call Pauline Blandeburgo at 863-3747.

### Shooting range opening

There will be a grand opening for the skeet and trap fields at Range 14 **Saturday**. Rates are \$7 per round, \$3.50 for FGSC members. Call 791-5078 for information.

### Spouse bowling night

The Gordon Lanes Bowling Center offers bowling for spouses of deployed soldiers the **third Thursday** of each month beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$1.25 per game with no charge for shoe rental. Call 791-3446 for information.

### Riding lessons

English and Western riding lessons are available at Hilltop Riding Stables for ages six and older.

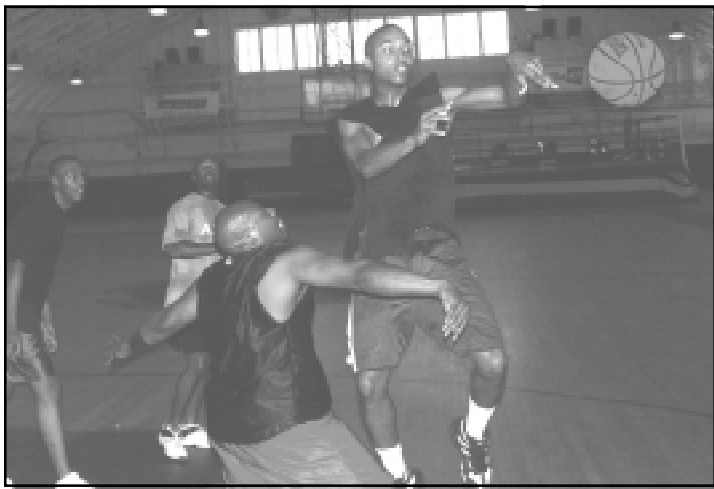
Group lessons for three or more people are \$15 per person, per lesson on Thursdays.

Private lessons are \$25 per person, per lesson, and semi-private lessons for two people are \$20 per person, per lesson on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Call 791-4864 for details.

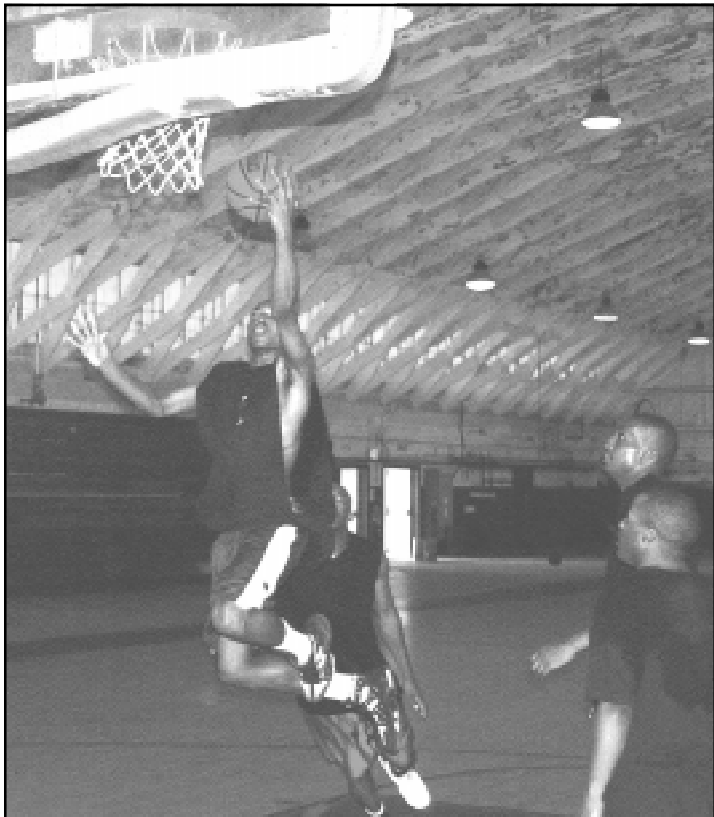
### Third Annual PBA Southern Regional Pro-Am Tournament

Fort Gordon soldiers and area bowling enthusiasts will have a chance to bowl with top professionals and see them in action at the Third Annual PBA Southern Regional Pro-Am Tournament **July 18** at Gordon Lanes Bowling Center.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Tim Stancil at 791-3446.



Some of the court action during the first BOSS Father's Day Three-On-Three Tournament Saturday.



## BOSSketball

### BOSS' first-ever Father's Day Basketball Classic a slam dunk

**Spc. Ryan Matson**  
*Sports editor*

They called themselves "The Winners," and the title proved prophetic.

The Winners won seven straight games to beat out a field of 14 other teams and take home first-place trophies in the first Father's Day Classic Three-On-Three Basketball tournament Saturday in Gym 1.

The tournament, which started at 9 a.m. and drew a full gym throughout most of the day, was the idea of BOSS member Sgt. Darrick Granger, Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

"We wanted to do something for fathers and sons," Granger said. "We picked basketball because it's a game everyone plays."

The tournament followed a double elimination format. Games were 15 minutes in length, or decided by the first team to score 15 baskets, but the winner had to win by two baskets. Three-point field goals counted as two baskets. The games were half-court affairs, allowing two games to be

played simultaneously.

While the tournament was a three-on-three format, teams were actually made up of four players. One player served as an alternate who could sub in at any point in the game. The tournament was open to players of both sexes, although only one female participated. Players came from on and off post to participate in the tournament.

Members of BOSS served as scorekeepers, referees, cooks, cashiers, award presenters and in Granger's case, as a player, too.

The event was emceed by Staff Sgt. Bryan Norvell, who entertained the fans with music throughout the tournament, as well as color commentary of the action. Door prizes, as well as trophies for all members of the first, second and third place teams, were also awarded. The first place team also won a \$20 gift certificate to the Sports Authority.

A three-point shoot-out contest followed the tournament. The object of this contest was to sink as many three-point field goals in a minute as possible. It was won by Spc. Michael Coston, Company B, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, who dropped in 11 threes in a minute, and also took home a trophy for his efforts.

Pfc. Brett Thomas, Company B, 369th Signal Battalion

of The Winners, who dazzled the crowd with several high-flying dunks during the tournament, said he thought the tournament was a good event to offer to the soldiers.

"I thought it was a really good idea," Thomas said. "A lot of people came out for it, and it was good competition - pretty intense. I'd love to play in it again if they had another one."

Granger said BOSS hopes to build off the success of this tournament.

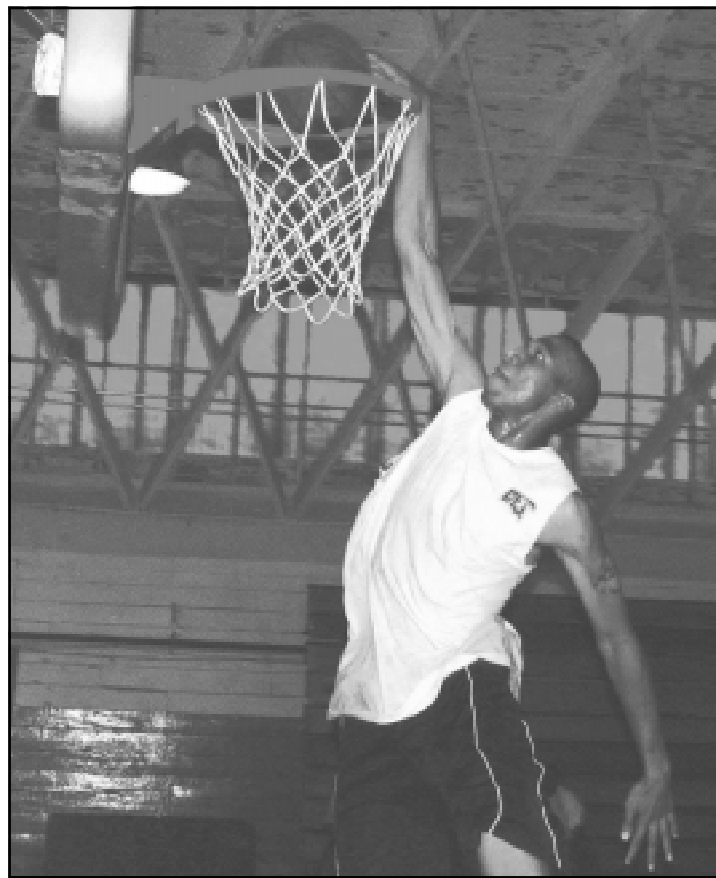
"Plans are currently in the works for a five-on-five tournament for the fall," he said.

The winning teams were:

**FIRST PLACE:** The Winners - Pfc. Brett Thomas, Company B, 369th Signal Battalion, Pvt. Darius Vickers, Company B, 369th Signal Battalion, Pfc. Chris Price, Company A, 551st Signal Battalion, and John Williams.

**SECOND PLACE:** The T-Wolves - Drill Sgt. Alverto Austin, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion, Pvt. Frank Finney, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion, Pvt. William Bronson, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion, and Pfc. Alfred Cooper, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion.

**THIRD PLACE:** The Roadrunners - Sgt. Derrice White, 248th General Hospital Detachment, Karl Smith, D'Juan Welton, and J. Innocent.



Photos by Spc. Ryan Matson

Pfc. Brett Thomas, Company B, 369th Signal Battalion, throws down a couple of dunks during the BOSS Father's Day Basketball Classic.

## Army run kicks off 228th birthday celebration

**Dennis Ryan**  
*Army News Service*

**FORT MYER, Va.** - The Army kicked off its 228th birthday celebration with a run at Fort Myer June 10, with more than 1,000 soldiers taking place.

The run was led by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley.

Tilley led a group of top enlisted soldiers from all major Army commands around the 3.5-mile course that included Arlington National Cemetery.

The sergeants major were joined by Rhode Island Sen. Jack Reed, Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston, and the Army headquarters staff for the run and a tribute to soldiers killed in



Photo by Adam Skoczylas

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley, joined by Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston and Rhode Island Sen. Jack Reed, leads a formation of more than 1,000 soldiers and Army supporters to celebrate the Army's 228th birthday.

battle.

The politicians and Tilley began the morning with some pushups before setting off to the tunes of the Army band. Tilley did his drill instructor best to urge the two politicians to complete their PT.

Reed is a West Point graduate and former 82nd Airborne Division officer.

Tilley called up retiring soldiers to the front ranks of the formation after the run to help him lead the

troops in the Army song. "[The run's] about everybody that came before us," Tilley said.

"It went great. It's about remembering our fallen comrades. It was a great day for the Army."

Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Gaylord T. Gunhus closed the proceedings with a few words and a prayer after being one of the run's leaders.

"I'll retire in July after 40 years of this crazy stuff,"

Gunhus said.

"It's absolutely my last run as an Army chaplain. I couldn't think of a better place to do it."

The formation stopped during the cemetery segment and turned and symbolically faced the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Capt. Marcia Muirhead wasn't used to running in formation.

"It was great," Muirhead said.

"I haven't done this in a long time. Formation runs can be challenging, because of the change of pace. It was nice getting all the folks together."

Stephen Haaga, a legislative assistant to Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, was another civilian running.

"I haven't run in a formation in a long time," Haaga said.

"I was a soldier 25 years ago with the 7th Corps."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Anouilh completed his third consecutive Army Run and said, "It was fantastic. It's a solemn feeling. You get a lump in your throat when you look around and see all the gardens of stone."

"This is my last one," Anouilh said, but added that he'll be coming back as a civilian.

"As long as there is an Army Run, I'll be there."

**Formation runs can be challenging, because of the change of pace.**



# Spectrum

## Kickin' up their heels at the 'Kick-off'

### New Initial Entry Training recreation facility opens

**Spc. Ryan Matson**  
Staff writer

They may be in training, but about 200 Phase IV, V and V-plus initial entry training soldiers got a chance to kick up their heels and break away from training mode for a few hours Saturday night.

The occasion was the first Initial Entry Training dance party, or "Kick-Off" as it was called, at the Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center. The center is located at the site of the former Officers Club on post. The building underwent \$600,000 in renovations beginning in December 2002, and held its grand opening Friday night.

Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center general manager Chris Logue said the IET dance parties will be a weekly event every Saturday night.

"IET dances will take place here every Saturday night," Logue said. "Tonight we have a band. We'll have DJs from time to time and hopefully a band once a month. Thanks to some corporate sponsorships from Morale Welfare and Recreation, we were able to provide some free food. We also have games and some good recreational activities for the soldiers."

The two pool tables by the bar were full of soldiers throughout the night, as was the arcade area in the adjoining room where soldiers played several video games and pingpong.

From 6 to 8 p.m., soldiers were able to watch a movie and eat popcorn, and at 8 p.m. hors d'oeuvres were served and music videos played on the television screens.

Since the soldiers are in training, no alcohol will be served at the dances. Throughout the night, soldiers were able to enjoy non-alcoholic beer and soda at the bar, as well as a variety of other non-alcoholic mixed drinks, including five flavors of daiquiris.

At 9 p.m., local band *Shinebox* hit the stage and provided entertainment including covers of a wide variety of music including alternative, Southern Rock, classic rock, heavy metal and dance favorites. The band received a warm response from the soldiers, who danced in front of the stage or cheered from their seats in a large banquet room just inside the entrance. The band played until 12:30 a.m.

Besides the food, games and entertainment, several door prizes were given out throughout the evening including DVDs and CDs, and four 100-minute phone cards.

All the soldiers interviewed said they'd like to return.

Pfc. Joseph Conn, Company D, 551<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion, is a Phase V soldier who elected to stay on post and try out the new facility rather than travel downtown this weekend.

"I think it's a great idea," Conn, who also walked away with one of the door prizes, said. "It gives the IET students who can't get off base something to actually do. I usually either go off-post and see a movie on the weekend or stay in the barracks and watch one, so this beats sitting there vegging out."

Pvt. Kim Ferrell, Company D, 551<sup>st</sup> Signal Battalion, a Phase IV soldier who is not able to travel off post yet, said her Saturday nights usually consist of a good boot-shining session. Like Conn, she was excited about the new center.

"It actually gives me something to do," she said. "This was my fifth Saturday here and I had nothing to do. I enjoyed the band, the food and actually being some place other than the barracks. There's nothing there to do besides be bored or be on detail."

The new recreation area is the result of an effort from Col. Robert Henderson, garrison commander, to improve the quality of life for soldiers in training, Logue said. He said besides the renovations that have already taken place to the kitchen and dining rooms, improvements to the center will continue, and the facility will continue to expand.

"There will be ongoing renovations throughout the building," Logue said. "In addition to the game room we already have, we'll also be adding rock climbing, paint ball will be moving over here, and we're trying to arrange a contract for a go-kart track out here as well."

The center is not restricted to IET soldiers, Logue pointed out.

"Tuesday through Friday evenings, the lounge will be open to all ranks," Logue said. "We'll have karaoke nights, pool tournaments, and pingpong tournaments. It's a place where soldiers can come to play backgammon or a game of cards, darts and we'll be adding an air hockey table."

Logue said he finds satisfaction in being involved with an MWR project to take care of soldiers and their families and make an improvement to their lives in general.

"It's a good thing for everybody," Logue said. "I think the IET soldiers need an opportunity to let their hair down."



Photos by Spc. Ryan Matson

Local rock band *Shinebox* (above and below) were the featured entertainment for the first IET dance at the newly renovated Courtyard Recreation and Dining Center. They performed more than three hours of Southern Rock, classic rock, heavy metal and dance favorites to an appreciative crowd of IET soldiers (right) Saturday night.



### Don't worry drill sergeant, it's NOT beer!

IET soldiers (above and right) enjoy a non-alcoholic beer at a non-alcoholic bar set up especially for the party.



### Food, glorious food!

The dance party also featured an hors d'oeuvres table, which many hungry soldiers took advantage of (left).



### Dancing the night away

By the end of the evening, many of the soldiers were dancing. All interviewed said they were happy to have something to do over the weekend.